

PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
FROM THE OFFICE ACTION**

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Applicant : Keith David Bussell
Application No. : 09/692,746
Filed : October 18, 2000
Title : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DIGITALLY SIGNING AN
ADVERTISEMENT AREA NEXT TO A VALUE-BEARING ITEM

Grp./Div. : 3621
Examiner : Firmin Backer

Docket No. : 40624/SAH/S850

Commissioner for Patents
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March 29, 2004

Commissioner:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner to extend the time for response to the Office action dated October 27, 2003 for two month(s) from January 27, 2004 to March 27, 2004.

The fee for extension of time required by 37 CFR § 1.17 is calculated below.

CALCULATION OF FEE			
LENGTH OF EXTENSION	SMALL ENTITY	LARGE ENTITY	FEE
WITHIN FIRST MONTH	\$ 55	\$ 110	\$
WITHIN SECOND MONTH	\$ 210	\$ 420	\$420
WITHIN THIRD MONTH	\$ 475	\$ 950	\$
WITHIN FOURTH MONTH	\$ 740	\$1480	\$
WITHIN FIFTH MONTH	\$1005	\$2010	\$

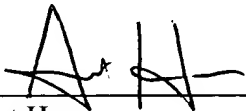
Submitted herewith is a check for \$ 420 to cover the cost of the extension.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account. **A copy of this letter is enclosed.**

Respectfully submitted,

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